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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	10/069,096
Filing Date	November 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Joachim Blum
Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	William P. Fletcher III
Attorney Docket Number	FA1035 US NA

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Exhibit A and Exhibit B

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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In re Application of:

BLUM ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/069,096

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For: DECORATIVELY ENAMELED PLASTIC  
MOLDED PARTS FOR MOTOR  
VEHICLES

Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: William P. Fletcher III

Atty. Docket: FA1035 US NA

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 18, 2004,  
RESPONSE TO AUGUST 3, 2004 ADVISORY ACTION, AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on August 8, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the requisite fee for a one month extension of time accompany this response. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks/Arguments** to the Final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on August 8, 2004 begin on page 7 of this Response.